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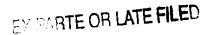
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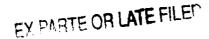
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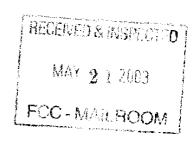
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David St.Martin

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The Honorable Michael Copps, Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554



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Dear Sir.

Please DO NOT relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American Citizens from information control by media monopolies.

I was strongly impressed during the recent conflict that if I was forced to get information from the major media sources I would have been very badly informed. The existence of a wide variety of independent sources not only provided me good information but kept the giant media sources honest to some extent.

ABC in particular spent over an hour of air time in a scripted story about the failure of US forces to properly secure the National museum of Iraq. The same story was presented on the morning, evening and late night news programs as a feature news story. The story was wrong and virtually all the assertions by "experts" were wrong. They virtually ignored the recovery of millions of dollars and when every other source had confirmed initial reports on Museum were wrong and most of the missing items were removed before the war started ABC just mentioned the fact in passing.

ABC is not the only one. CNN was bought off by the Iraq regime and the NY Times just admitted one of their reporters had been making up stories for years and they let him get away with it.

This sort of reporting is the result of a media conglomerate with and agenda. They are motivated only by profit and will do what is most convenient and beneficial to their business. That don't bother to check sources anymore and report rumors as news. Example the report a UN study stated that blue eyed blonds would become extinct within a few years. The story was totally untrue but all the major media sourced carried it. If not for independents the hoax would have never been reported.

As a citizen with multiple information sources I can find out the truth. If you change the rules I will be denied my right to know the truth.

You really screwed people in rural areas when you would not allow the dish network merger. Competition between digital dish systems and cable keeps prices under control. If you don't live in a metro area you are out of luck if you want local stations. All the stations are on cable and have done nothing to improve their signal for years. The standards for getting a local signal by antenna are terrible. I would have to erect a tower to get a good signal from all my local stations. Adding local stations to my satellite would have saved me over \$3,000 over the next 10 years.

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Dear Ms. Abernathy:

I am writing to ask you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies. I have been a gun-shooting hobbyist for at least 50 years. I punch boles in paper at distances exceeding a mile! I am not a hunter. I have never killed anyone and I never will. My guns endanger no one, yet groups within America are ignoring the Second Amendment to the US Constitution and are trying to take away my guns. None of these groups are more vocal (and wrong) than the media monopolies that already exist, such as Time-Warner/AOL, Viacom/CBS, and Disney/ABC. If you allow these monopolies to take over the media, they will terminate my voice of protest against gun-control groups and allow these groups to prevent all sides of the issue from being heard.

I grew up shooting. When I attended the University of Virginia, I was 4th rifle on the 5-member University Rifle Team, sponsored by the ROTC. After discharge from the Army, target rifle shooting was not available in Chicago, so I joined a pistol shooting group where I worked. We participated in 'shoulder to shoulder' shooting matches against other Chicago area teams. When I was transferred to Cleveland, OH, pistol and trap shooting were available, and I became proficient at both.

During the 2000 election, I became very concerned that the errant gun-control groups would gain control of The Congress, where they have been trying to amend the US Constitution to eliminate the Second Amendment. This was too much for me, and I decided to put my money where my mouth is. I became a Patron Member of the NRA and a Life Member of the Republican Party, both of which support my right to keep and bear arms. I am contributing to candidates for public office who support my Constitutional rights. I am also a benefactor of the US Olympic Shooting Team.

Following the September 11th tragedy, I qualified for a Concealed Weapons Permit in the State of South Carolina. I have never before carried a pistol on my person. I believe that America would be a safer place if more citizens held such permits.

Guns don't kill people; people kill people. It is a matter of the mind-set. When guns were banned in Australia, the criminals began using baseball bats. Others used knives. Shall we ban the National pastime? Shall we ban knives?

Voices supporting gun ownership will be silenced if you allow the media monopolies to control broadcasting. I beg you not to allow them to do it. Do not relax the rules against ownership of the mass media by a select group of companies, all of which oppose gun ownership.

Sincerely

Thomas H. Webb

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The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 445-12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554



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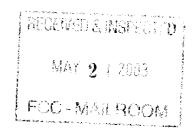
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